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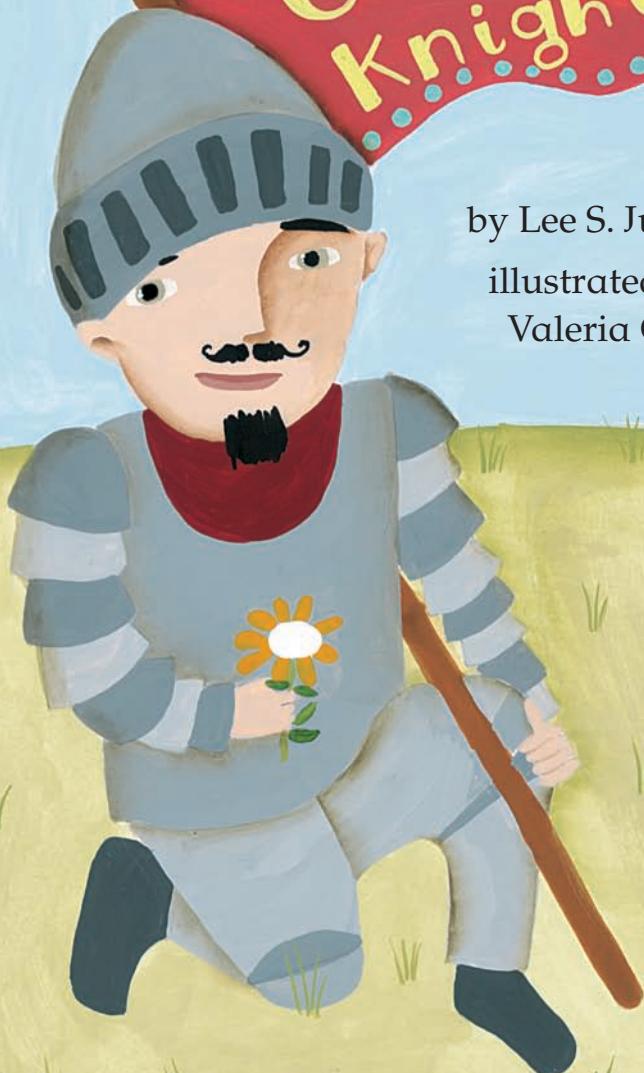
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The Gentle Knight

by Lee S. Justice
illustrated by
Valeria Cis





Sir Bravedeed was a brave knight, but he did not feel brave around Princess Kay. His knuckles turned white. His knees knocked. He did not know how to say that he wanted to be friends with her.

Sir Bravedeed tried showing that he was a gentle knight. One time, Kay was going to step in a mud puddle. Sir Bravedeed knelt and laid his cape on the puddle so that her feet would stay dry. Kay just stepped on the cape and kept going.





Kay did not know she had hurt Sir Bravedeed. She was busy knitting. Kay had a real knack for knitting, and she knitted day and night. She did not see Sir Bravedeed kneeling in the mud.

On a hike in the woods, Sir Bravedeed heard sad sighs. They came from Princess Kay! He raced to her.





“Can a gentle knight help?” Sir Bravedeed asked with hope.

“I do not know,” Kay told him.
“I cannot get this big knot out of
my yarn.”

Sir Bravedeed reached in his knapsack for his knife. With one quick cut, he got rid of the knot. He tied the ends of the yarn.



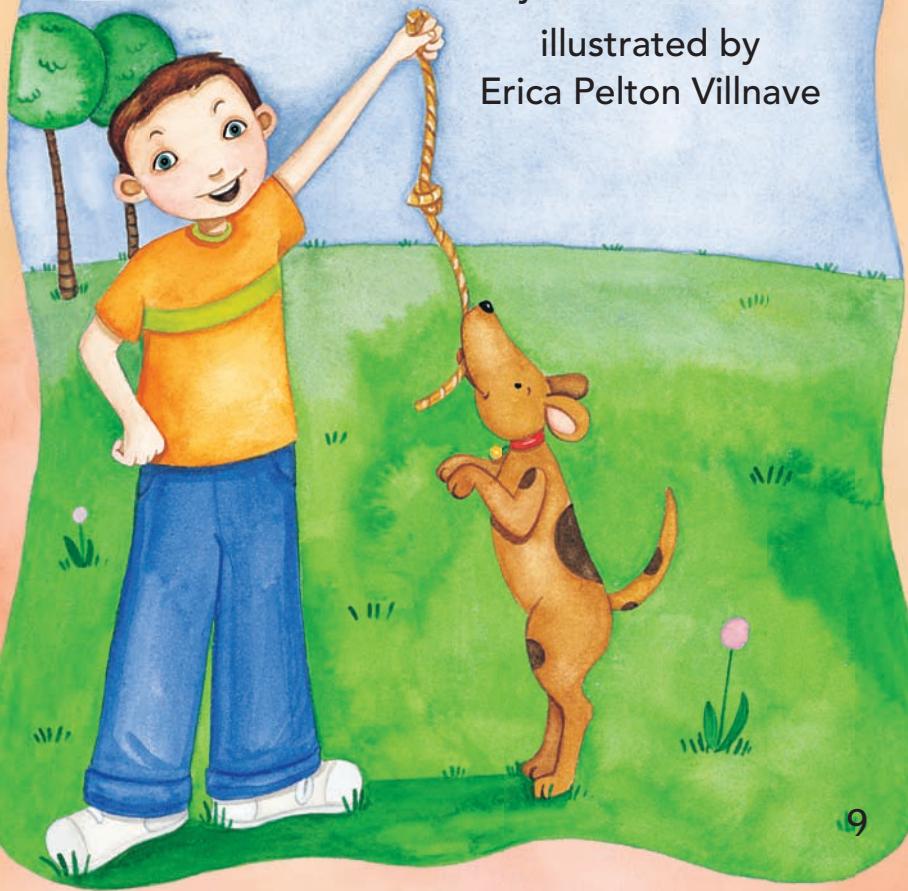


Sir Bravedeed knelt. He handed
the yarn to Princess Kay.
“I am so happy!” she said.
“So am I,” said the knight.

Fun with Tricky Knots

by Laura Meredith

illustrated by
Erica Pelton Villnave

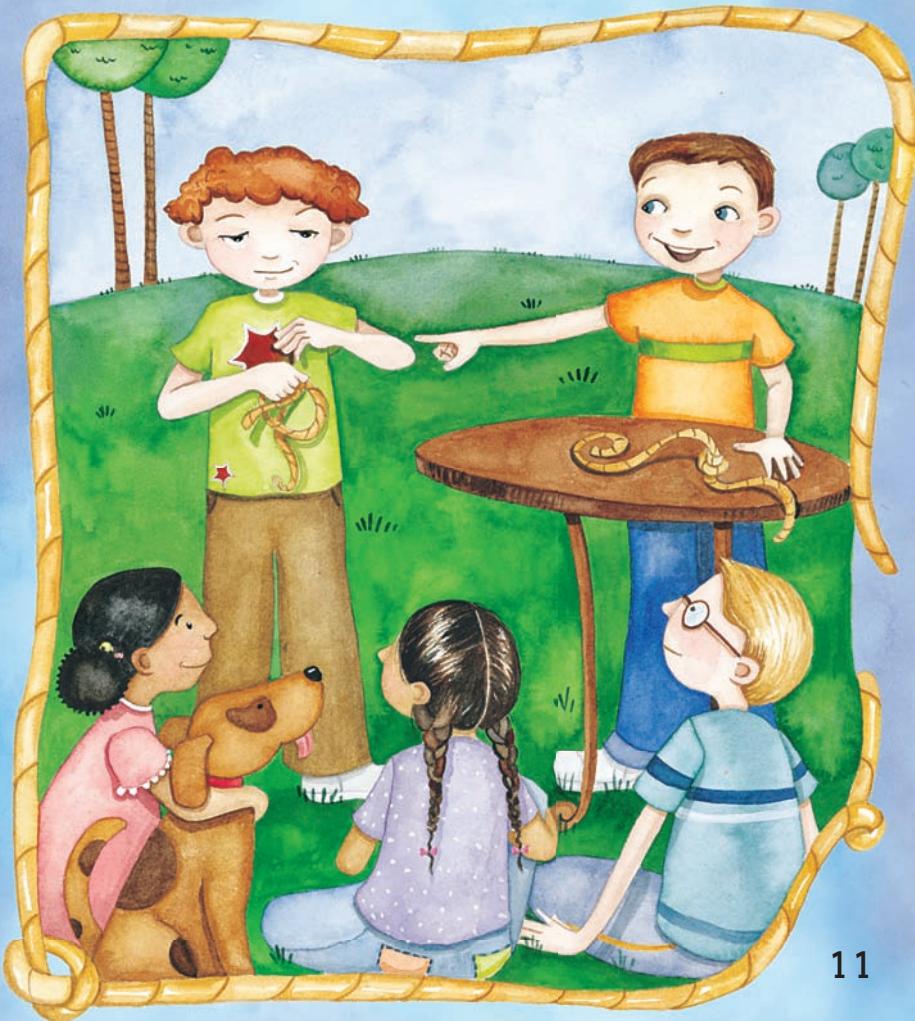


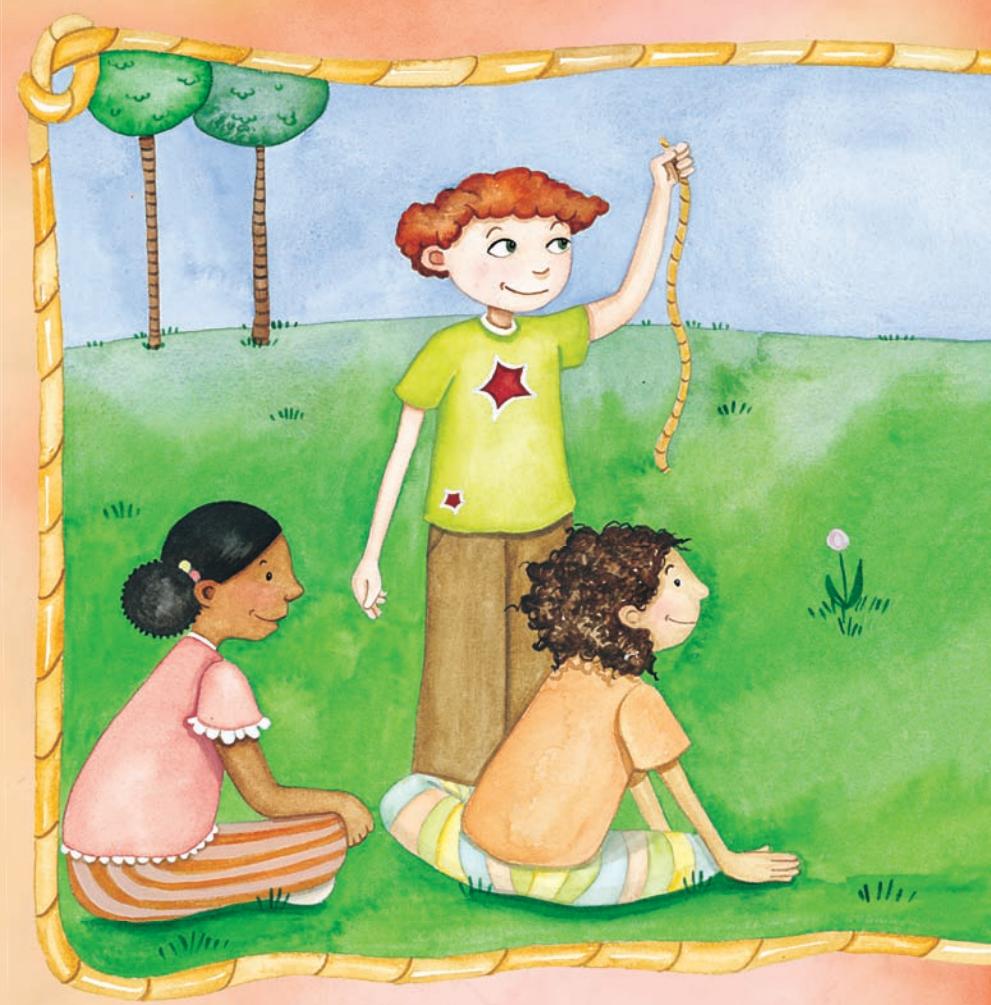


You can do a knot trick using rope. Just use the steps on these pages. Try the trick first, and get a knack for it. After you know it, show it to friends.

Start by holding up a rope. Say, "We know that when we tie a knot, we must let go of each end of the rope."

Ask one kid to tie a simple knot. Say, "See? You had to let go of both rope ends."





Then take the knot out. Say, "I know how to tie a knot while holding both ends of the rope. My hands will not let go of the rope ends."

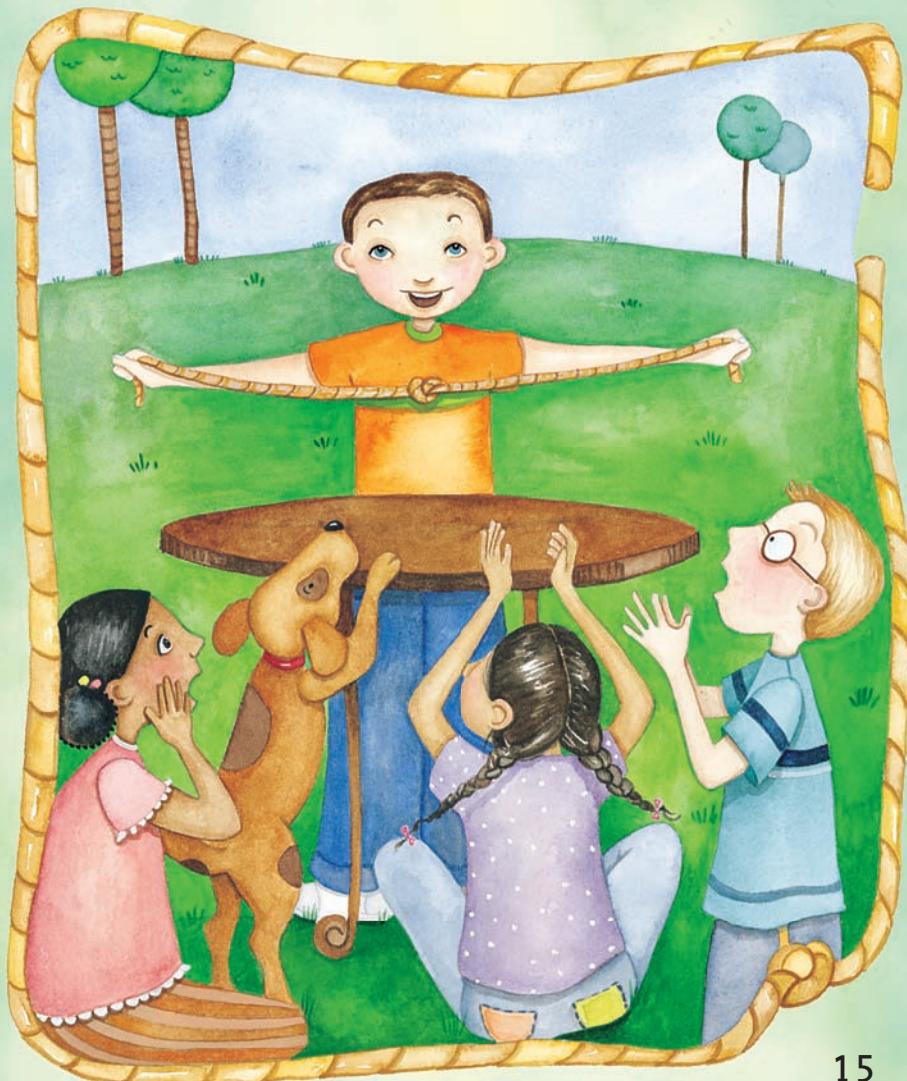


Next, knock your knuckle on the table and place the rope on it. Cross your arms so that your right arm is on top of your left arm. Place each hand at the elbow bend.



Tuck your right hand under your left elbow. Bend and pick up one rope end with your right hand. Pick up the other end with your left hand.

Stretch your arms wide, still holding the rope ends. Say, "I just tied this knot while holding both ends of this rope!"





At last, smile in a knowing way as the kids clap. Say, "Now you know this knot trick. Try it with friends."

Wrap It Up!

by Trudy Wren
illustrated by Kathryn Mitter





People wrap lots of things. They may wrap a glass vase in paper to keep it safe. Then they use wrapping paper to wrap it up as a gift.

If children get a cut, moms and dads can clean it and wrap it! Wrapping a cut keeps it clean and helps it stop bleeding.





Some people hurt their wrists and wrap them. Wrist wraps help stop pain and heal hurt wrists.

Athletes like wrestlers and bike riders wrap their wrists. That helps keep their wrists safe.

People use watches to keep track of time. This girl is wrapping a watch around her wrist. Its wristband has black spots.



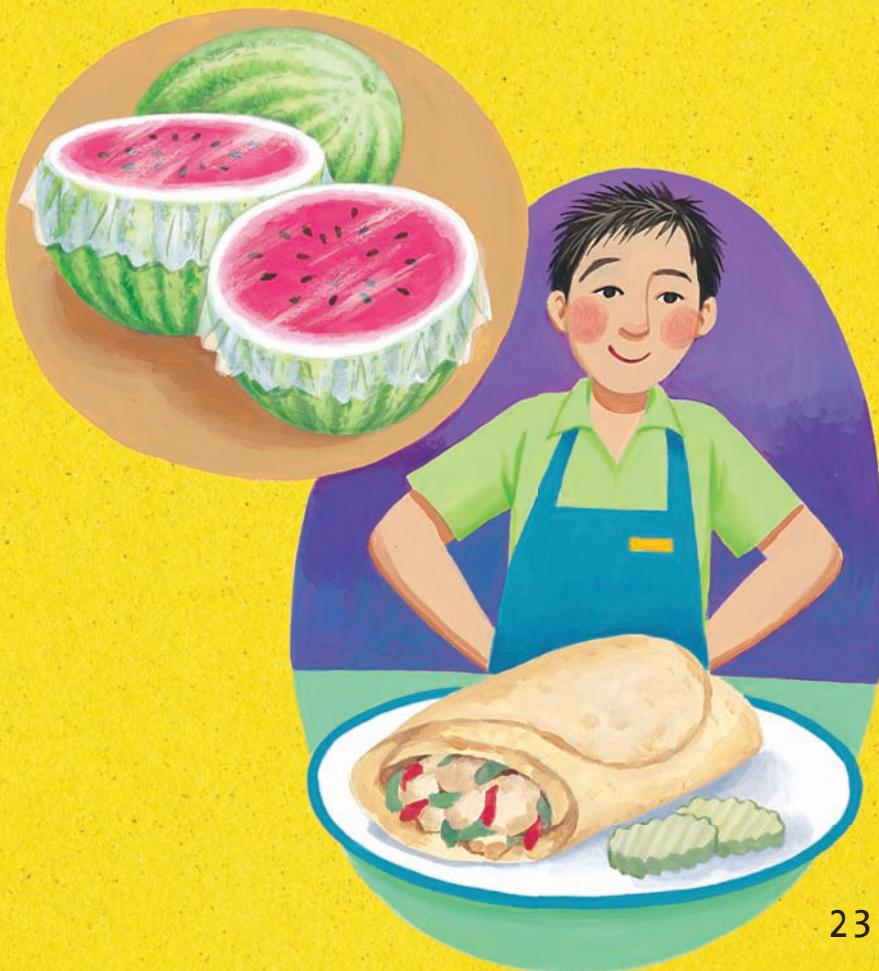


People can wrap up in clothes to keep warm. This man has a scarf wrapped around his neck.

These divers wriggled into special clothes that keep them warm when they dive in the cold sea.

Shops sell some foods in wrappers.
We wrap food to keep it fresh and clean.

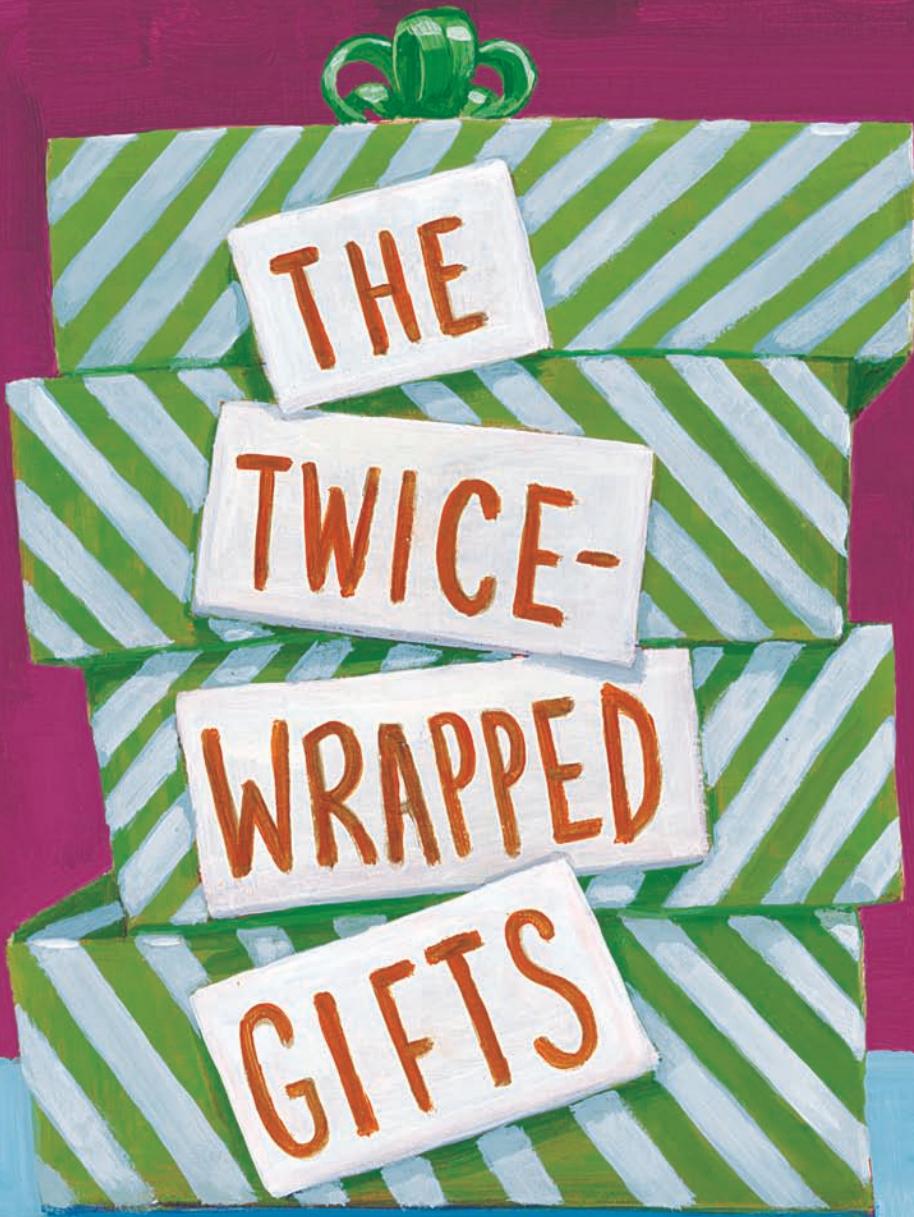
Some foods are named wraps! This man is making a kind of sandwich named a wrap. It has grilled chicken and peppers inside of it.





Wrenches, pans, and hammers have handles. We wrap our hands around their handles so we can use them.

We wrap our arms around people we love so we can hug them.



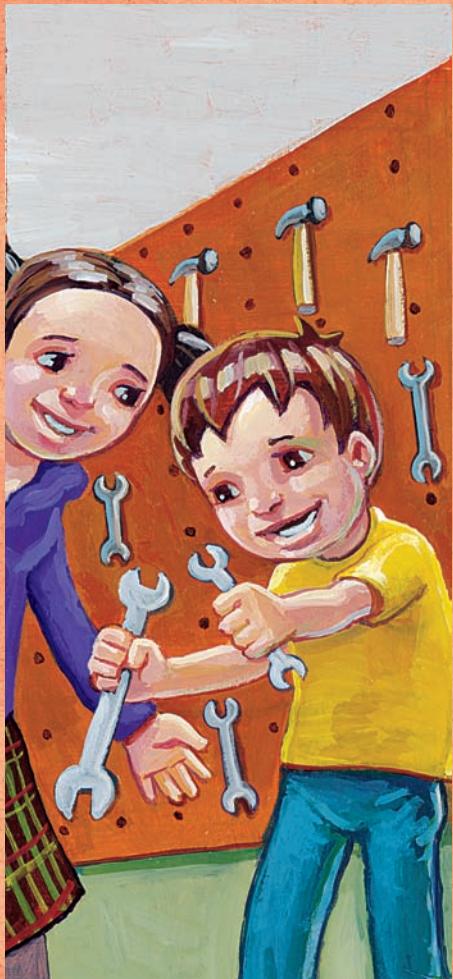
by Wayne Wright
illustrated by Aaron Jasinski



Mom, Dad, Jill, and Ed had birthdays in the same week. Kurt and his sister Pam went to buy them gifts. “Ed likes birds. We can get him this bird book about wrens!” said Kurt.

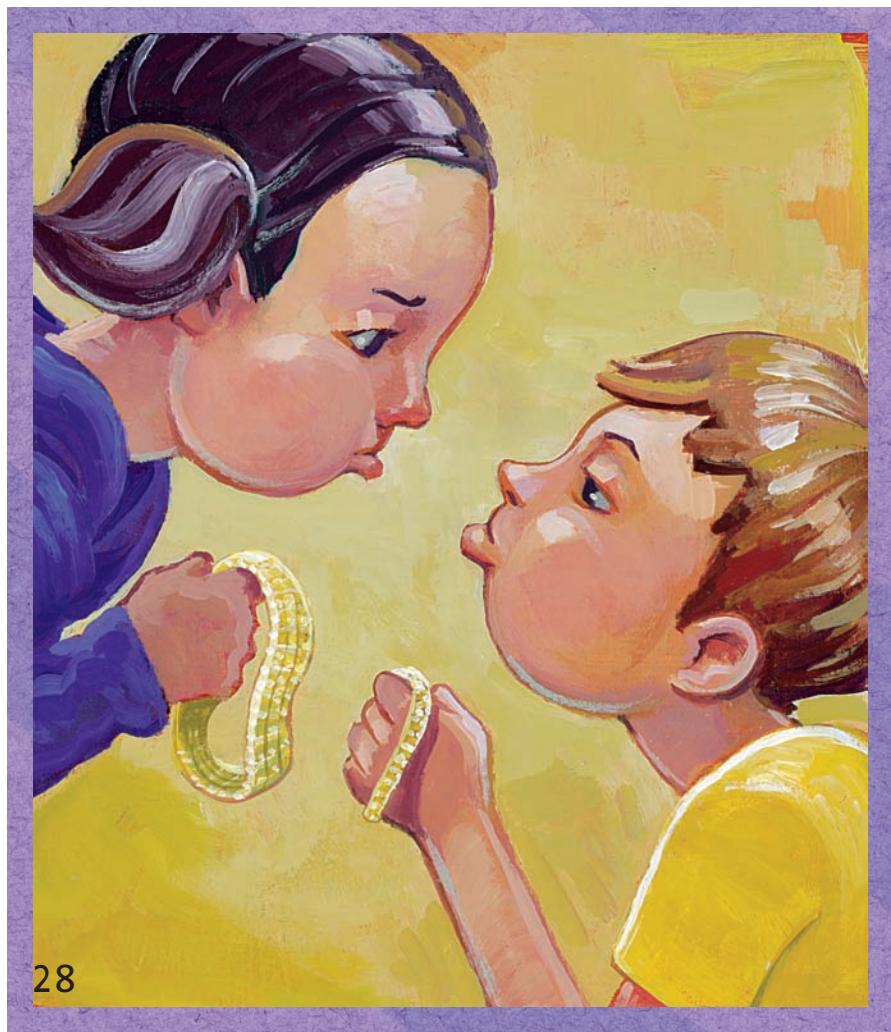
“Mom will like a silk scarf,” said Pam. “Find one with no wrinkles.”

“We can get wrenches for Dad. He likes to fix things,” said Kurt.



“Will Jill like this wristband?”
asked Kurt.

“It is so little. She will have to
wriggle it on her wrist. This bracelet
will be much better!” said Pam.





Back at home, Kurt asked, "Will you wrap the gifts, Pam? I always do it wrong."

Pam said, "I will wrap if you will write the gift cards. Your handwriting is so nice."

Pam stacked the wrapped gifts by Kurt. He wrote the cards. Then he turned to stick them on the gifts.

Kurt looked at the wrapped gifts. The wrapped gifts looked the same!



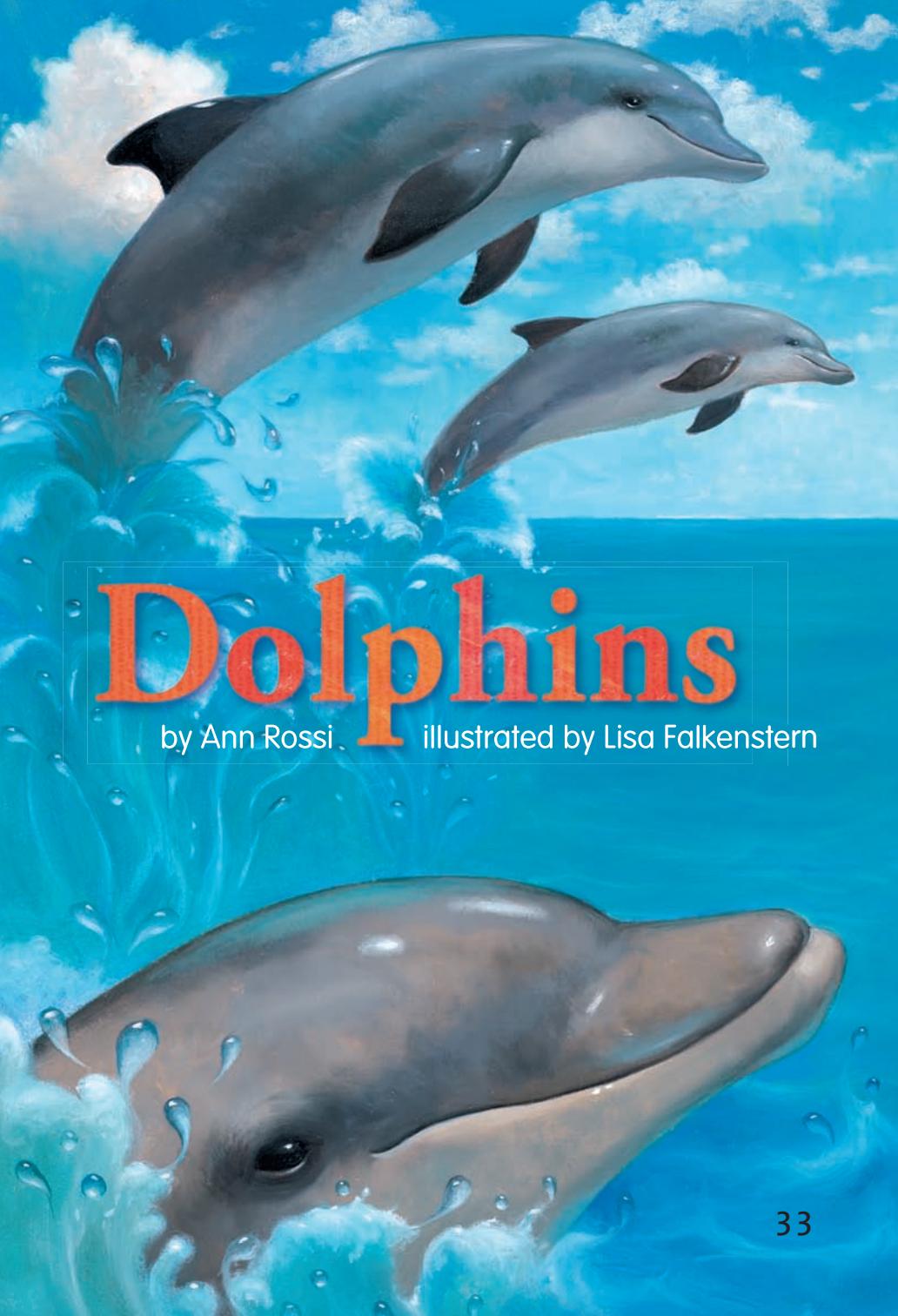


Kurt worried that he might stick each card on the wrong gift. He had to take the wrapping off each gift. He tried not to wreck the wrapping as he took it off.

After Kurt glanced at each gift, he wrapped it back up and stuck the right card on it.

“Now everyone will really have a happy birthday!” said Kurt.





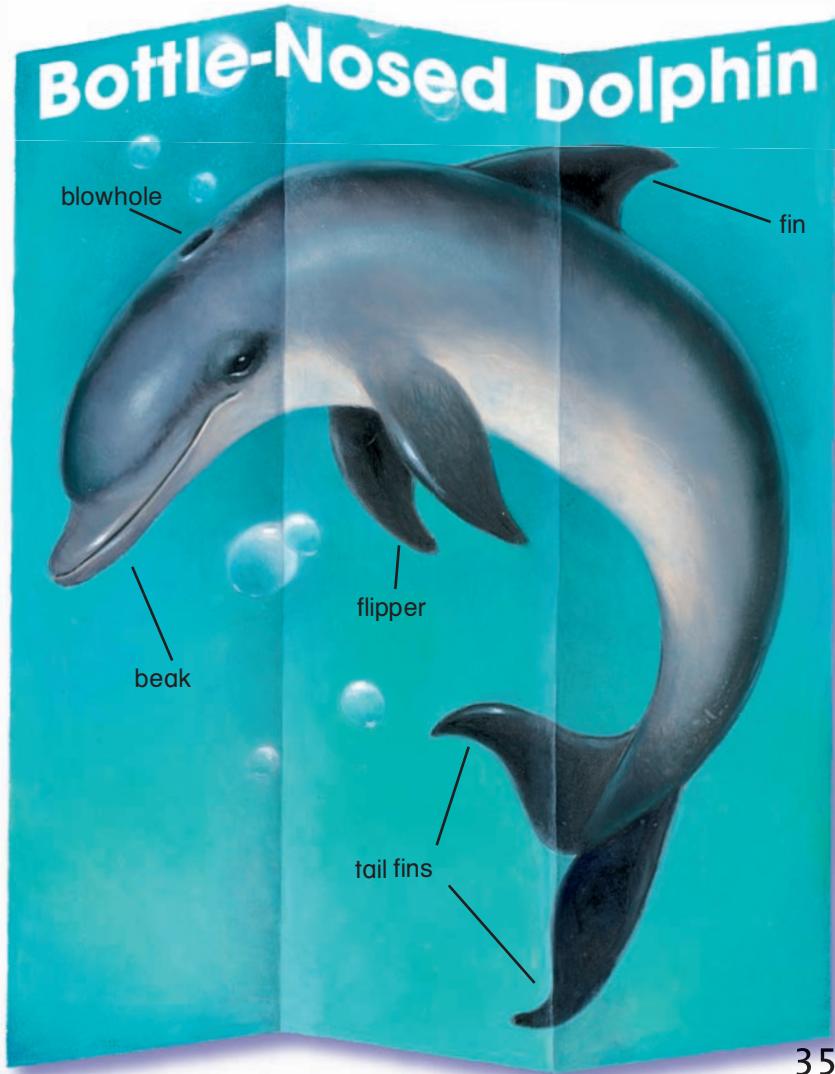
Dolphins

by Ann Rossi illustrated by Lisa Falkenstern



Dolphins spend their lives in water, but dolphins are not fish. Like kittens and puppies, baby dolphins drink milk. Like people, dolphins need air. They use a blowhole like a nose to get it.

This picture is in a pamphlet. It names parts of a special kind of dolphin. This dolphin uses its flippers and fins to swim. Its beak makes it seem like it is smiling.



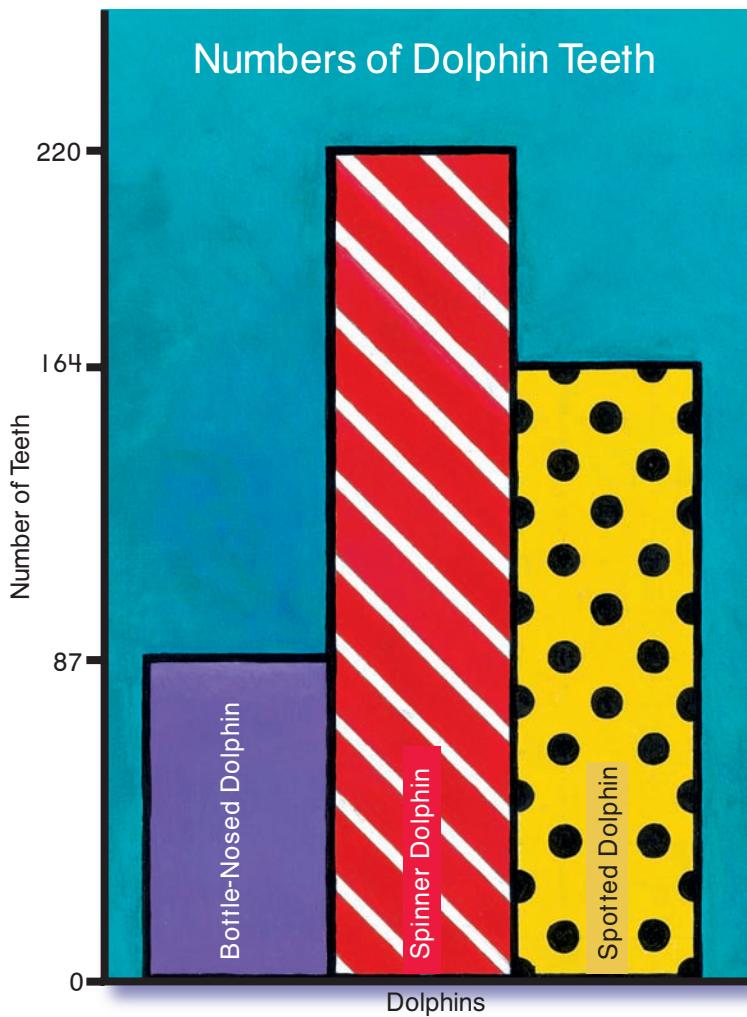


Dolphins may be gray, black, white, and other colors. Their names may tell what dolphins are like. Striped Dolphins have black stripes. Spotted Dolphins have white spots. Spinner Dolphins can spin when they leap.

Many dolphins spend their lives in seas, but river dolphins stay in rivers and lakes.

Dolphins may swim in clusters named pods. Pods can have five dolphins. Pods can have hundreds of dolphins.





Dolphins hunt in pods. Dolphins have enough teeth to grab fish and squid. Then dolphins gulp them. The graph on this page shows how many teeth three dolphins have.

Dolphins speak using whistles and clicks.
At times, clicks may seem like laughs.

Dolphins help each other. Grown dolphins lift baby dolphins and hurt dolphins to the top of the water to get air.





Photos show dolphins swimming next to ships. Photos show dolphins swimming with people. Like people, dolphins like to have fun, too.

A Fun Day for Phil

by Jenna Lynn
illustrated by David Gordon





The weekend had just started. Phil had hoped for a fun day, but he had no plans.

Mom made Phil help her clean. Phil moped as he dusted each photo frame.

At lunchtime, Mom and Phil stopped cleaning. Mom thanked Phil for his help, but Phil still moped.

Then Mom gave Phil a pamphlet and said, "Enough moping! Look at this pamphlet about a dolphin show at Sea Park. Do you want to go there with a friend?"

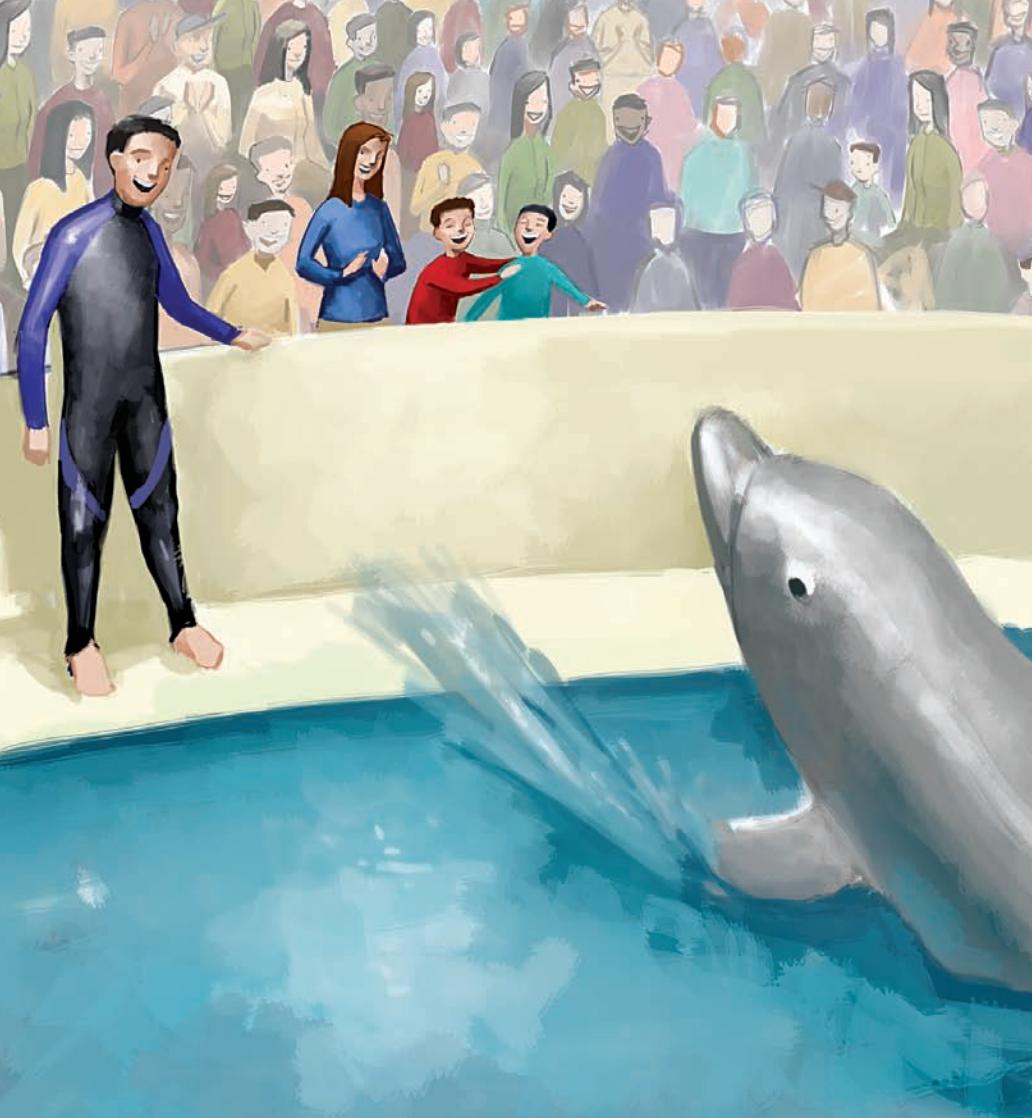


Phil peeked at the pamphlet. Photos showed dolphins leaping through rings and tossing things. Photos showed dolphins ringing bells and grabbing fish. Phil started to smile.





Phil phoned his pal Phong and made plans. Then Mom drove them to Sea Park for the dolphin show.



The show started when Jazz the dolphin began clapping his flipper on the water. Phil laughed. The dolphin kept clapping, and Phil kept laughing.

The dolphin trainer came out and said,
"There are five phases to this show."

In the first phase, Jazz jumped through rings. In phase two, the dolphin tossed shapes through nets. In phase three, Jazz squeaked a rubber fish.



In the next phase, Jazz rang bells. In the fifth phase, the dolphin leaped and flipped. When the show ended, Phil clapped. The dolphin did, too.



The Gentle Knight

Word Count: 218

High-Frequency Words Decodable Words*

around	a	happy
busy	am	he
do	and	heard
dry	asked	help
for	be	her
friends	big	hike
how	brave	him
my	Brave <i>deed</i>	his
of	but	hope
one	came	hurt
out	can	I
said	cannot	in
they	cape	just
to	cut	Kay
wanted	day	kept
was	did	knack
woods	ends	knapsack
would	feel	kneeling
	feet	knees
	from	knelt
	gentle	knife
	get	knight
	going	knitted
	got	knitting
	had	knocked
	handed	knot

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Decodable Words*

knot	that
know	the
knuckles	this
laid	tied
mud	time
night	told
not	tried
on	turned
princess	white
puddle	with
quick	yarn
raced	
reached	
real	
rid	
sad	
say	
see	
she	
showing	
sighs	
Sir	
so	
stay	
step	
stepped	

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Fun with Tricky Knots

Word Count: 218

High-Frequency Words Decodable Words*

by	a	holding
do	after	I
for	and	in
friends	arm	is
how	arms	it
my	as	just
now	ask	kid
of	at	kids
one	bend	knack
other	both	knock
out	by	knot
table	can	knots
these	clap	know
to	cross	knowing
try	each	knuckle
you	elbow	last
your	end	left
	ends	let
	first	must
	fun	next
	get	not
	go	on
	had	pages
	hand	pick
	hands	place

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Decodable Words*

right	use
rope	using
say	way
see	we
show	when
simple	while
smile	wide
so	will
start	with
steps	
still	
stretch	
take	
that	
the	
then	
this	
tie	
tied	
top	
trick	
tricky	
tuck	
under	
up	

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Wrap It Up!

Word Count: 217

High-Frequency Words

are
around
clothes
food
foods
have
into
kind
love
of
our
paper
people
some
special
their
they
to
warm
watch
watches

Decodable Words*

a
and
arms
as
athletes
bike
black
bleeding
can
chicken
children
clean
cold
cut
dads
dive
divers
fresh
get
gift
girl
glass
grilled
hammers
handles
hands
has
heal
help
helps
her
his
hug
hurt
if
in
inside
is
it
its
keep
keeps
like
lots
making
man
may
moms
named
neck

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Decodable Words*

pain	we
pans	when
peppers	wrap
riders	wrapped
safe	wrappers
sandwich	wrapping
scarf	wraps
sea	wrenches
sell	wrestlers
shops	wriggled
so	wrist
spots	wristband
stop	wrists
that	
the	
them	
then	
these	
things	
this	
time	
track	
up	
use	
vase	

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The Twice-Wrapped Gifts

Word Count: 220

High-Frequency Words Decodable Words*

about	a	glanced
always	after	had
book	and	handwriting
buy	as	happy
by	asked	he
do	at	her
everyone	back	him
for	be	his
have	better	home
looked	bird	I
now	birds	if
one	birthday	in
said	birthdays	is
to	bracelet	it
took	can	Jill
worried	card	Kurt
you	cards	like
your	Dad	likes
	each	little
	Ed	might
	find	Mom
	fix	much
	get	nice
	gift	no
	gifts	not

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(continued)

Decodable Words*

off	we
on	week
Pam	went
really	will
right	with
same	wrap
scarf	wrapped
she	wrapping
silk	wreck
sister	wrenches
so	wrens
stacked	wriggle
stick	wrinkles
stuck	wrist
take	wristband
that	write
the	wrong
them	wrote
then	
things	
this	
tried	
turned	
twice	
up	

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Dolphins

Word Count: 243

High-Frequency Words Decodable Words*

air	a	grab
are	and	graph
colors	at	gray
enough	baby	grown
have	be	gulp
how	beak	help
laughs	black	hundreds
many	blowhole	hunt
of	bottle-nosed	hurt
other	but	in
people	can	is
picture	clicks	it
special	clusters	its
their	dolphin	kind
they	dolphins	kittens
to	drink	lakes
too	each	leap
water	fin	lift
what	fins	like
	fish	lives
	five	makes
	flipper	may
	flippers	milk
	fun	named
	get	names

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Decodable Words*

need	spots
next	spotted
nose	squid
not	stay
number	striped
numbers	stripes
on	swim
page	swimming
pamphlet	tail
parts	teeth
photos	tell
pods	the
puppies	them
river	then
rivers	this
seas	three
seem	times
ships	top
show	use
shows	uses
smiling	using
speak	when
spend	whistles
spin	white
spinner	with

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A Fun Day for Phil

Word Count: 217

High-Frequency Words Decodable Words*

about	a	flipper
are	and	frame
do	as	fun
enough	at	gave
for	began	go
friend	belts	grabbing
laughed	but	had
laughing	came	he
look	clapped	help
out	clapping	her
said	clean	his
there	cleaning	hoped
through	day	in
to	did	Jazz
too	dolphin	jumped
two	dolphins	just
want	drove	kept
water	dusted	leaped
you	each	leaping
	ended	lunchtime
	fifth	made
	first	Mom
	fish	moped
	five	moping
	flipped	nets

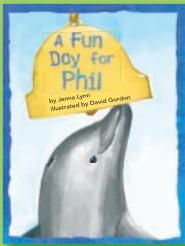
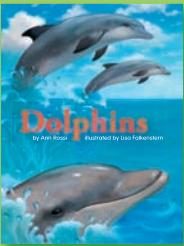
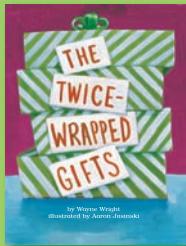
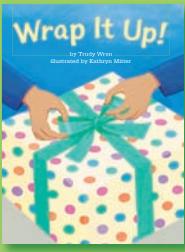
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Decodable Words*

next	still
no	stopped
on	thanked
pal	the
pamphlet	them
park	then
peeked	things
phases	this
Phil	three
phoned	tossed
Phong	tossing
photo	trainer
photos	weekend
plans	when
rang	with
ringing	
rings	
rubber	
sea	
shapes	
show	
showed	
smile	
squeaked	
started	

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